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LINKING TOWN AND COUNTRY

Up in Macon County they appear to have solved the problem of bringing town and country together.

Once each year, at the banquet of the Macon County Society, the farmer rubs elbows with the doctor, the lawyer and the merchant and trades his views for theirs. All differences are forgotten, and for one evening everyone becomes, in the language of Riley's poem, "just folks."

The Macon County Society is the old New England town meeting idea elaborated, modernized and applied to county affairs. Its democratic ideals are well expressed in the slogan of the society: "No business; no politics; all for Macon County."

Since the organization of the society eight years ago, the membership has covered every corner of the county. From other counties and even from other states the gathering of Macon Countians at the time of the annual meeting resembles the pilgrimage of Moslems to the city of the Prophet. Last year the largest building in Macon was barely big enough for the 1,000 members of the society; so plans are being discussed for the erection of a larger building.

The Macon County idea might well be adopted by Boone County. There is no better way for connecting up the town and country than by such an assemblage, where all may meet on terms of equality and discuss their mutual problems frankly and dispassionately. With the growth of the large cities, co-operation and sympathy between the small town and the rural community are absolutely essential to both.

We would suggest only one improvement upon the Macon County plan, and that is that the women be admitted to membership upon equal terms with the men, for the women of the future is going to be a vastly more important factor in rural life than she has ever been before.

Vance Thompson, in his new book, "Drink and Be Sober," makes a startling attack on cider. "We drink wine to be gay," says Vance, "and beer to be emotionally loosened, but who drinks hard cider drinks it for the one compelling reason that he would be sourly drunk. On that dirty little rustic brother of the 'mild drink' family the law should lay a heavy hand."

THE LAWYER'S RESPONSIBILITY

With America's cumbersome and monstrously technical judicial system, it is no wonder that many of the country's best lawyers have come to look upon the law not as a means of obtaining justice but as a protection of their clients. The modern lawyer, too often inspired by the lust for gold, frequently has no ethical standard to which his cases must conform. If the necessary fees are forthcoming, he can argue any cause, good or bad.

That such a condition should exist at the bar of the United States is a sad comment upon American civilization. Easy-going moralists may secure comfort from the fact that this state of affairs probably is not peculiar to this country. No matter where he is, the man with money need never lack the best legal counsel.

The story books say that Abraham Lincoln would not accept a case unless he felt that the cause was a just one. But how many of the lawyers that swarmed to Ardmore after the recent disaster were afflicted with Abe's honesty? Would that all lawyers were Lincolns.

The only remedy for the present evil is in the lawyers themselves. They must adopt a moral code compatible with the spirit rather than merely the letter of the law. Just as an author should not write what he does not believe in his heart to be true, so a lawyer should not aid a

client whom he knows to be wrong. When lawyers become possessed with the proper idea of their responsibility, the moral character of the bar will be greatly improved.

Says Zona Gale: "Duty is not enough. Happiness is not enough. It is the mob spirit, the sense of people working together, that makes of the day's work the real adventure."

PADDLING YOUR OWN CANOE

As children, we insist that our business is nobody's but our own. As adults, we merely change the subject when pressed too hard from without. But the public will have none of these subterfuges. You cannot paddle your own canoe unless you observe the trend of the current to a certain extent.

No man is self-sufficient except in conceit. The merchant considers the wishes of his customers; the professional man, his clients; the newspaper, its readers and advertisers, and the private man, the wishes of the individuals making up his private world. This does not mean that one must be servile or toady to get along in life. The customer does not control the merchant's policy altogether. The professional man cannot afford to listen to his clients talk all day. Nor does the newspaper shape its news columns to suit the advertiser. As for the private man, no two more different personalities can be found than in some of our American homes.

In short, it takes two things to paddle a canoe: first, the man to handle the oar and guide the boat; then, the acquiescence of the water that it may pass.

One man out of every seventeen is color blind; one man out of every twelve is color ignorant; one man—but what's the use?

The biggest joke in the world: the man who takes himself too seriously.

Looking Backward

Sixty-Five Years Ago.

A wooden leg was one of the new inventions and curiosities at the fair of the American Institute in New York.

"There will be produced this year from 30,000 to 40,000 gallons of wine in Gasconade county, Mo. This is the chief wine growing district in Missouri."

Fifty Years Ago.

"A western editor, speaking of a quill-driving contemporary, says: 'His intellect is so dense that it would take the auger of common sense longer to penetrate it than to bore through a Mount Blanc with a spoiled carrot.'"

Forty Years Ago.

"Joseph Bates, of Vermont, falls dead while carrying in an armful of wood. Show this paragraph to your wife. Nay, cut it out and pin it on the woodshed door."

"In France the economists set down the afflictions of the United States as due to three causes: an excess of railroads, paper money and a high tariff."

Thirty Years Ago.

Miners in San Bernardino Valley, Cal., trained a collie dog to carry their mail back and forth to the postoffice some five miles away.

The grand jury of Warren County adjourned without finding an indictment or examining a witness. This was the third successive time that the

grand jury in that county had not had a witness to examine.

Ten Years Ago.

A citizen of Muskogee petitioned the city council to change the names of all the numbered streets to Indian names.

An open break between Greece and Roumania was expected at any time.

The census showed but 12,913 Seminole Indians left of the once numerous and powerful tribe.

Five Years Ago.

Eight-year-old Florence Turner probably saved the lives of two families when she discovered fire in the house and called her father, who was a night watchman, two blocks away.

E. H. Eckel, Jr., an alumnus, left New York for England to continue his studies as a Rhodes scholar.

Chancellor Strong of Kansas University asked the legislature of that state for \$1,211,415.

Negro hold-ups continued to be common in Columbia.

SHE MUST HAVE A QUIET HOUSE!

One M. U. Landlady Looks With Favor Only on Upperclassmen.

Who makes the ideal student roomer—the upper or underclassmen, the fraternity or non-fraternity men? Opinions may differ, but Mrs. H. H. Arthur, who keeps a rooming house at 606 South Fifth street, says that experience has taught her to prefer the former in each of the two choices.

"I find that as a rule they are much quieter and not given to those tricks which are favorite pastimes with some, freshmen especially," said Mrs. Arthur yesterday. "Men who have got that far along in school realize the purpose for which they are here and have no time or inclination for stacking rooms, scuffling or loud singing. Generally they attend strictly to their work and give little or no trouble."

"I don't refuse absolutely to take underclassmen, but their appearance must impress me very much before I do," she added.

The department in which a student is entered makes little difference to Mrs. Arthur, who believes that upperclassmen are upperclassmen, no matter how classified.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

RESOLUTION TO PAYE LOCUST STREET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Columbia, Mo., as follows: That the Council of the City of Columbia, Mo., deems it necessary to improve Locust street in the City of Columbia, Mo., from the West curb line of Hitt street to the center line of Tenth street on the South half of Locust street, and to the East curb line of

Tenth street on the North half of Locust street,—excepting the portion of the intersection of Tenth street and Locust street already contracted to be paved,—in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the City Engineer and on file with the City Clerk.

The street shall be graded to the established grade.

The road bed shall be prepared to a depth of ten inches below the intended surface of the pavement. Cross-sections to be in accordance with the plans.

On each side of the street shall be constructed a combined concrete curb and gutter to be Twenty-seven (27) feet from back to back, and constructed according to the plans and specifications on file.

Upon the roadbed as constructed shall be laid a broken stone foundation six inches thick when compacted, upon this foundation shall be laid a second course of broken stone which shall be two inches thick when compacted and upon this second course shall be laid a wearing surface two inches thick after compression.

Upon this wearing surface shall be applied a coat of asphaltic cement of one and one half gallons to one and three-fourths gallons per square yard, when this is properly rolled and prepared the seal coat of asphaltic cement with one-half to three-fourths gallons per square yard shall be applied and immediately covered with fine crushed stone and rolled as specified in the specifications on file.

That this resolution be published for seven consecutive insertions in the UNIVERSITY MISSOURIAN a daily newspaper printed and published in the City of Columbia, Mo., and if a majority of the owners of the lands liable for the costs of the improvement, at the date of the passage of this resolution, who shall own a majority of the front feet owned by residents of the City, abutting on the part of Locust street proposed to be improved, shall not within ten days after the date of the last publication file with the Clerk of the City their protest against such improvement, then the Council shall have the power to cause a contract for said improvement to be let to the lowest and best bidder on the plans and specifications filed therewith with the City Clerk by the City Engineer or other proper officer, and cause the cost of said improvement to be assessed against the lots and tracts of land fronting or abutting on the improvement as provided by law.

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(Signed) J. M. BATTERTON,
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